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SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Real estate has gone up 10 per cent. in Delaware since the election of a Republican Senator.

Cleveland is still vetoing pension though, thank heaven.

The New York Sun says that Mrs. Cleveland will not live with the President after March 4th. She will live with the ex-President.

States Senator from Kansas for the six cent. of the real value of the property. upon the deserved honor of a re- full value the rate per cent, would be

Dickinson county rejoices in a complete list of Republican officials. Mucl. of this satisfactory state of affairs is due to the REFLECTOR .- [Salina Republican.

Last week the Chronicle asked Mr. Moore to stand up. He has responded and recited his piece. We surmise that in its next issue the Chronicle will be begging him to sit down.

The German Emperer has ordered that no servant of the royal palace shall wear a moustache. It is said that the servant-maids, who have become accustomed to feeling moustaches on their lips, strongly object to the order.

And now the Democrats are at tempting to lay Bayard's many sins at Cleveland's door. Poor Cleveland! We are almost inclined to defend him, now that his party is making a scapegoat of the man who sacrificed himself

At the meeting of the Kansas electors last week the honor of bearing the vote of the State to Washington fell to Walter G. Emerson, of Mead Centre. The electors agreed to go in a body to call on the President-elect, on the 26th of this month.

be made:

Secretary of State-James G. Blaine,

Secretary of the Treasury-William R. Allison, of Iowa.

The glorious snow and rainfall the past days means wealth for Dickinson county and Abilene next year. Every indication is toward an abiding prosperity which will attract to this section the land seekers in trainloads. A fortune in farm lands lies just ahead for those who will be clear-headed enough to grasp it.

We are amused at the Gazette's editorials on Salina. These editorials appeared in the Abilene Gazette a few months ago with the word Abilene

You are not half as much amused at them as the Abileneites are. Such mush as Rohrer is feeding you Salina people on is enough to drive a monument into hysterics.

The accidental death of Lieut. Gov. McDonald of Michigan last Saturday was particularly sad. He and two other gentlemen were playing cards when the truck of the coach in which they were riding gave away. All three were killed instantly, Gov. McDonald's arm being torn off and found 40 feet away. The lieutenant governor was elected in 1886 and re-elected last November. He was 62 years of age and leaves an estate valued at \$500,-

A Shawnee county young man got himself into trouble this week by taking his best girl to the inaugural ball and registering as "George De Jonjones and lady." A reporter made a "local" of the fact but changed it to "and wife." Many people seem ignorant of the fact that the proper way to register a gentleman and lady is "and wife," if they are man and wife; Richard Waring and myself are objects otherwise the lady should be registered separately.

ment to accompany them to Salina last the stockholders of the REFLECTOR week. This is very easily explained. Publishing Company have seen fit to se-The commissioners are all eminently lect me as their vice president, class of fellows, and wanted a bottle such a character, caught the fellow on weeks for the voters of the or make afraid. These are the facts washer for the occasion, they would the fly as he was skedaddling through district to discern the judicial qualifi-

Reform in Assessment.

One of the most important measures which will come before the Legislature this winter is the reformation of our system of assessment and taxation. The evils which have resulted from the present system of assessment are so apparent that the demand for reform is almost universal.

Under the present law the assessor is a law unto himself. He assesses the property at such a per cent. of its real value as he sees proper. By a State law an effort has been made to effect a uniform system of taxation by the State.

at 333 per cent. of its real value, some past few years. 50 per cent., some 75 per cent, and a its full value. It will thus be seen bills. Only a few more days of it law requiring all property to be assessed has been made in person and by their if thereby he might profit by the assas- these producers will demand a party everybody. It will not increase the everywhere uniform.

If the tax in our county this year only one-third of 41 which would be 11. It would be far better for the county of Dickinson if the report should go out that our rate of taxation was only 11 per cent. than it is that it is 41 per cent. The 41 per cent. is only the result of our infamous assessments.

They are misleading and deceptive. There are a great many additional the assessment of property. Especially the Republicans of this county ever ought there to be amendments to the law in regard to the assessment defeat for the judgeship in 1887. In of the property of corporations. There are banks in the State of Kansas which advertise a paid up capital of \$100,000 Mead himself. Unfortunately for him, which do not pay taxes upon an assess- (but very fortunate for the district) the nent of more than \$10,000

The law ought to be so that the advertised paid up capital of any banking institution should be conclusive as should pay taxes.

Under our present system the men the farms in Kansas pay no taxes whatever in the State. We refer to the mortgagees. Every one knows that there are a great many mortgages upon the farms in Dickinson county, and Dickinson is probably a fair sample in this respect of the entire State.

A man owns a farm worth \$2,500. It is mortgaged for \$2,000. The owner The Globe Democrat has brought is compelled to pay taxes upon the enitself to a focus on the Cabinet ques- tire value of the farm while the morttion and has written down the follow- gagee, who practically owns 4-5 of the ing appointments as almost certain to farm, does not pay one cent of the taxes in the State of Kansas.

We are in favor of taxing all mort gages on farm property in the State of Kansas at their face value. It should be taxed to the mortgagee named in the mortgage, and the validity of the mortgage should depend upon whether the taxes are paid or not,

A law could be enacted, that if the taxes upon any mortgage recorded in the State of Kansas are not paid when due, that the mortgage should no longer be a lien upon the premises. All the taxes so levied upon the mortgage when unpaid would then become a lien upon the premises, and have to be paid by the owner. This would enforce the collection of the taxes upon mortgages where the word Salina is used. It is from non-residents, and it is just exsaid that Krohn wrote them .- [Salina actly what would be equitable and fair, because if a non-resident of this State owns 4-5 of a farm it is no more than equitable, and right, and just that he should pay 4-5 of the taxes upon the farm, and the law herein above suggested, which would make the validity of all mortgages depend upon the payment of the taxes when due, would insure the collection of all taxes upon

There should be a severe penalty imposed upon every property holder who lists his property for less than its true value, or who avoids listing it all. Under our present system there is no

The urgent demand from all parts of the State for a reformation in our assessment laws, makes it very probable that the present Legislature will accede to that demand, and we believe the matter will receive careful consid-

eration at the hands of our Legislators. A Card from Mr. Moore.

MR. EDITOR:-My attention has been called to an article in an obscure and contemptible sheet published in one of the dirty cellars of Abilene, in of considerable personal abuse. Just why my name should be bandied around The editor of the News is very angry in such a promiscuous manner in a because the county commissioners newspaper controversy I am wholly un-

respectable and cultured gentlemen, I am informed that the individual and when they go off on a trip for busi- who is now nominally editor of the shall be or not, it is not necessary for Gone where the woodbine twineth. ness or pleasure they always seek con- Chronicle was compelled to leave his these unfortunate gentlemen to com- Why has the price of beef cattle stead genial associates to accompany them. former home on account of his inherent hence their preference for the society disposition to meddle with that which task of trying to convince my constitu- the East gone almost up to war times? of the REFLECTOR management. Now did not concern him, and that Geo, ency that I am not qualified for the Because the "big four" choose to have if the commissioners were of the other Rohrer, who was just then in need of position. It required only three it do so and there is no one to molest probably have gone over to the News Kansas, and placed him nominally at cations of my friend Mr. Mead. The in the cattle business over abare living;

private character, and his motives, purposes and disposition were so well adapted to the motives, purposes and disposition of the new proprietors of

their scavenger. ignoramus. Although it is utterly devoid of all rules pertaining to English composition, and is as full of grammatical errors as it is of falsehoods, yet that I ever connived at the election of there are one or two ideas in it, and this fact would preclude this nomad having the township assessors meet in from its authorship. The Chronicle is convention and agree upon a certain simply the mouthpiece to give vent to basis. This in a measure has equalized the pent up hatred and disappointthe taxes throughout the county, but | ments of two gentlemen whom the Rein as much as each county adopts a publicans of this county have, in their different basis of assessment there is wisdom, seen proper to repudiate. The no equalization whatever throughout cloven foot of the article is apparent to every one acquainted with the situa-

The waning political fortunes of G. few endeavor to assess the property at W. C. Rohrer one year ago sent the Chronicle into hopeless bankruptcy. that no equitable result can be obtained For more than a year the proprietors of under such a system of assessment. that paper have stood in mortal dread In the first place there ought to be a of its mortgagees. Appeal after appeal at its full value. This is the only way friends to the REFLECTOR management to reach a basis that will be fair to to buy out the worthless concern. The REFLECTOR Company did not taxes of any one but it will make taxes deem the franchise worth the price do with it. Threats were indirectly Hon. Preston B. Plumb, United is 41 per cent. on a basis of 331 per made that if the REFLECTOR did not buy it, they would make it "hot for years ensuing, we congratulate you when the property is assessed at its us." A few weeks ago the old hulk was sold under the hammer, and, as there were no other bidders, the concern was bid in by the mortgagees, Hodge Mead & Co., who are now the unhappy

owners of the elephant. These gentlemen have been so unmercifully drubbed by the Republicans of this county that they seem to have lost all sense of decency, and become entirely reckless of all truth. Mr. laws that should be made in regard to Mead has harbored his hatred toward since his ignominious and shameful his estimation there is nobody qualified for that honorable office except Mr. ople of the district took a differen view of his judicial capacity. The other gentleman whose cloven foot is apparent in the article under considerto the amount of money upon which it ation, has been feeding himself and his relations at the public crib so long that he claims a prescriptive right to who practically own a great many of have whatsoever government office he asks for and the further right to distribute such offices as he does not want for himself among his relations and special henchmen. He has so long enjoyed this exalted privilege that when the Republicans of this county at their last county convention ingloriously hurled him overboard it broke his heart, and when the Central Committee which had been appointed by this Republican convention without the dictation of this political autocrat, won such an unusual and signal victory in November by electing every candidate on the ticket and ousting every Democratic official from the county offices. 1t really sent the old gentleman into spasms. In his estimation a campaign conducted without his dictatorial advice ought to have been a failure, and the fact that it was the most eminent success achieved by the Republican party for many years makes it indispensably necessary that he look well to his laurels. I refer to these matters and to these individuals simply for the purpose of showing the animus that is behind the article in the Chronicle of

There is no good reason that I know of why I should have been singled out by these two disappointed gentlemen as one of three individuals upon whom they could wreak their vengeance. They give me credit for much more influence in the Republican party than I possess. I was not a candidate for any office. I was only a private in the ranks, carried my musket and fought alongside 2740 other good Republicans of the county. Outside the election of my law partner I had no more interest in the election of any one candidate on the Republican ticket than I had in that of any other. I worked for and voted the straight Republican ticket from top to bottom, just as I have always done heretofore, and as I always expect to do hereafter. And I want to say in regard to the charges in the malicious article above referred to that as far they effect me individually they are series of unmitigated falsehoods and must have been known to be false by the person who made them. In regard to my conduct toward Mr. Naill when he was a candidate for sheriff I will say that I was a friend to Mr. Naill and I believe that Mr. Naill will tell any man who takes the pains to ask him that my partner and myself were among his most earnest and warmest supporters. The gush about my having been a candidate for district judge is hardly worthy of a reply. I was not a candidate, never told any one I was a market of this country so that they can market of this country so that they can be marked of the United States fangs on the people of the United States and is rapidly crushing the life out of the people of the United States and is rapidly crushing the life out of the people of the United States and is rapidly crushing the life out of the dressed beef to the dressed beef to the corpo ate limits of the said duy all the tracts or bodies of land lying adjacent to and bounded by said c'ty, described as follows, to-with Commencing at the southeast coince of said country appearance of said country and for said country appearance of said count make a finding as to the advisability of addictor make a finding as asked one of the Reflector manage- able to understand, unless it be that candidate and never asked any one to lower the price of beef to the producer along said north line of said right of way to t support me for the position. Whether I shall be a candidate for that honorather position or not three years from ble position or not three years from cattle men of Dickinson county who now I do not know. And whether I five years since were making money? mence three years beforehand the ily declined and the price of beef in

The article that I refer to was prob- politics of Dicklnson county, that Mr. tion would not have a walk-away; but a Democrat, or the defeat of Mr. Peck, or that I ever discouraged any person whatever from seeking the Republican nomination, is as base a fabrication as ever emanated from the office of this notoriously unreliable and villainous sheet in which the charge is made.

The motive which prompted the article referred to is purely a selfish one. The article has the accustomed Some counties assess their property tion of affairs in this county for the arrogance of the political demogogue in assuming to speak for the Republican party. It attempts to restore these two gentlemen to the favor of the party by traducing the character of somebody else. It is the appeal of a cowardly villain who would be willing to assassinate the character of a private citizen, sination. It is the method of unprin- that will afford them relief. cipled men who care nothing for the Republican party except as a means to furnish them with political influence asked and refused to have anything to for the distribution of political plunder. It is the wail of a once self-constituted leader who has been deposed

in the past few years about the wage worker. There have been strikes innumerable; there have been Congressional investigations, arbitrations, lockouts, etc., but not a word for the farmer and no better off than they were four years since, more especially in the West while thousands are on the verge of bankruptcy. It is useless to try to conceal these facts. Ask of the first ten farmers you meet if this statement is not so and nine of them will tell you it is true. Is it not the part of wisdom to discover the cause or causes of this condition of things and speedily seek

for a remedy? This state of affairs is not attributable to a lack of energy or enterprise, for there is no class of laborers who labor more hours in a day than do the producing classes. It cannot be attributed to extravagant living, for no class of people live so economically as the farmers. It cannot be attributed to speculations, for, as a class, they do not speculate. Then what is the cause? I will try to present the cause as well

as a remedy as it appears to me. If you will refer to March 3d, 1883, you will find that quite a reduction of the tariff on wool was made. We have now had six years' experience of manufacturers buying wool in the markets of the world. Hundreds of millions of pounds of wool have been imported into this country that could have been raised here and would have been, had wool been protected. What has been the result? Kansas had in 1881 twelve hundred thousand sheep. The advance sheets of the State Board of Agriculture for 1888 show that we have only four hundred and two thousand, two-thirds of that vast amount of wealth is destroyed; and what is true of Kansas is true of every State to a greater or less extent.

In 1888, there were imported into this country about twenty million meet, in conjunction with the Country Surveyor pounds of raw wool to say nothing of

manufactured goods. If that wool had been raised here it would have added about thirty million dollars to the profits of the wool growers. The men who have been driven from wool growing have engaged in the raising of cattle, hogs, corn and other farm products, thus largely increasing the amount of these products.

Now if there was any question de cided in the recent presidential contest it was this one thing, that Americans demand protection for every form of industry. Then the duty of the hour is to levy such a tariff on wool that it will practically exclude foreign wool from our markets. This would give such an impetus to the wool business that in five years those hideous mortgages would disappear like mist before

the head of the Chronicle, there to ply insinuation that I worked for or in any sheep husbandry is worse, and "what ingly."

his genial avocation of assassinating way connived at the election of Mr. shall we do?" is a question that tens Seeds is an unreasonable, baseless of thousands of farmers are asking contemptible falsehood, manufactured themselves today. The recent convenout of whole cloth by the author of the tion of cattle men that met in St. Louis article. I may have, and probably did agreed unanimously that the power of that paper that they retained him as remark the fact which was patent to the "big four" could be broken by every man at all acquainted with the State Legislation, that each State pass an inspection law making it unably not written by this unprincipled Seeds would make a hard fight for a lawful to sell any beef that had not second term, and that the candidate been previously inspected by an inspecwho received the Republican nomina- tor of the town or city, thus shutting out the dressed beef men and setting to work local butchers and so fixing it that instead of three or fonr buyers in this country there would be thousands of them. Then the price of beef would be regulated by supply and demand; it would not be up five cents today and down fifteen tomorrow.

I believe these evils can be remedied and as the Republican party will soon have full control of this government with all its branches, it will be held responsible for the trust given it. It has ever championed the cause of the oppressed. Will our Congressmen, Senafight for an oppressed people? There is most certainly a golden opportunity to do good and aid the producing class. If the Republican party will speedily have a long lease of power; if not,

WM. RAMSEY. Solomon City, January 17, 1889.

Road Notice. STATE OF KANSAS, | 85:

stituted leader who has been deposed on account of his unworthitess, and has become only a camp follower.

O. L. Moore.

[Communicated.]

Some Reflections from a Farmer,

EDITOR OF THE REFLECTOR:—With your permission I would like to offer some reflections on the conditions of the producing classes in the past, present and future.

There has been much said and written

Dickinson County,

Office of County Clerk, January 16, 1889.

Notice is hereby given, that on the 14th day of January, 1889, a petition signed by Samuel Lowe and twelve other householders, was presented to county aforesaid, praying for the opening of a certain road, described as follows, viz:

Commencing at the ½ mile stone on the north line of section three (3), township sixteen (16), range four (4) east of the sixth (6) P. M., thence south on said half (½) section line until it will intersect the road south of section three (3).

Wherever, with instructions to meet, in conjunction with the County Surveyor, at the place of beginning in Lyon township, on Wednesday, the 20th day of February, A. D. 1889, and proceed to view said road, and give all parties a hearing. By order of the

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

M. H. BERT, County Clerk.

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Road Notice.

STATE OF KANSAS, | 88 Dickinson County,

Office of County Clerk, January 16, 1889. Notice is hereby given, That on the 14th day of producer. It is an undeniable fact that farm property, as well as farms. have depreciated in value in the last seven (7) town fifteen (15) south of raege four (4)

> Whereupon, said Board of County Commissioners appointed the following named persons, viz: Wm. Webber, A. D. Blanchett and Geo. Huston as viewers, with instructions to meet, in injunction with the County Surveyor, at the ace of beginning in Union township, on Tuesday the 19th day of February A. D. 1889, and proceed to view said road, and give all parties a hearing

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, M, H. Bert, County Clerk,

Road Notice.

STATE OF KANSAS, | 88:

Office of County Clerk, Notice is hereby given, that on the 14th day of January, 1889, a petition signed by Jerre Mc-Sweeney and twelve other householders, was presented to the Board of County Commissioners of the county aforesaid, praying for the establish ment of a cer ain road, described as follows, viz Commencing on the southerst corner of section twenty-four (24) in Holland township and run sect road No. 359.

sloners appointed the following named persons, viz. J. C. Harper, S. M. Mer ilatt and Lowry Jones as viewers, with instructions to meet, i ion with the County Surveyor, at the place of beginning in Lyon township, on Monday, the 25 day of February, A. D. 1889, and proceed to view said road, and give all parties a hearing

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. M. H. BERT, County Clerk.

Road Notice.

STATE OF KANSAS, | ss:

January, 1889, a petition signed by Herman Timm and twelve other householders, was presented to the Board of County Commissioners of the county aforesaid, praying for the change and

section twenty-five (25) and thirty-six (36) in township fourteen (i4) south of range four (4) east of sixth P. M., about eighty (80) rods from the east line of sald section thence northwest to section line on section twenty-five (25), about eighty, (80) rods from south line of section twenty-five (25), thence southwest around the bluff to intersect the section line road between sections twenty-five (25) and thirty-six (36), and also vacate the section line cp the bluff and to vacate the section line road between sections

twenty-five (25) and tweaty-six (26).

Whereapon, said Board of County Commissioners appointed the following named persons, viz: Chas. Koepke, Henry Kanderdick and L. at the place of beginning in Liberty township, on Monday, the 18th day of February, A. D. 1889, and proceed to view said road, and give all parties a hearing. By order of the

M H. BERT, County Clerk.

SHERIFF'S SALE. Under and by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the District Court of Dick ason county, State of Kansas, in a cause pending there-in wherein Lyman Field is Plaintiff, and John Davey, Elizabeth Davey, Frederick G. Graves and C. Stevens are Defendants, I will on

Tuesday, February 26, A. D., 1889, The front door of the court house, fn the city of Ab lene, county of Dickinson, State of Kansas, g. 10 o'clock s. m., of said day sell to the highest to delock s. m., of said day self to the righest cidder for cash, the following real estate to wit:

The south half (s ½) of the northwest quarter (n w ½) of section four (4) in township twelve (12) south of range one (1) east of the 6th P. M. in Dick'nson county. State of Kansas. The said property will be sold pursuant to the judgment of the court insaid cause recited in said order o

Legal Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the city of Ab gages would disappear like mist before the rising sun.

But there is another hydra-headed monster that has got his poisonous fangs on the people of the United States

Notice is a leave given that the city of Abilian, at the Mayor and Councilmen of said city, will, on Friday, the 22d day of February, 1889, at the court house in the said city of Abiliane, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. of sa'd day, of as soon thereafter as a hearing can be had, present to Hon. M. B. Nicholson, Judge of the District Court in and for said county, extending from Buckeye avenue in said city to the eastern line of Kuney & Hodge's addition to said city. The Mayon and Councilmen, Of the City of Abilene. By C. S. Crawford, City Attorney. 22-3

Notice of Appointment.

STATE OF KANSAS, | 88
Dickinson County, | 88
In the matter of the estate of Albin A. Tolbert, In the matter of the estate of Albin A. Tolbert, late of Dickinson county, Kansas.

Notice is hereby given, that on the 17th day of January, A. D. 1889, the undersigned was by the Probate Court of Dickinson county, Kansas, duly appointed and qualified as executor of the estate of Albin A. Tolbert, late of Dickinson county, deceased. All parties interested in said estate will take notice and govern themselves accordingly. [22-31] L. B. CAMPBELL, Executor,

AMAKER'S

CUT AND SLASH

It will soon be time to go to market for Spring Goods, and to make room for our future purchases, we have decided to make a cut-and a deep one too-on everything, from one end to the other. We wish to say right here (and we are confident that every customer who visits our store will endorse this assertion) that we never, under any circumtors, and our Legislators take up this stances, advertise one item more than we actually have and can show. Our competitors squirm when we apply the knife, but remedy these evils, it will assuredly we can't help that. We cut DEEP or not at all. A few prices may interest you:

> All Ladies' Cashmere Regular Made Hose, selling at 50c, 60c and 65c, now in one lot at 42c to close, All Misses' and Children's Wool Hose at Actual Cost to close.

> (Cost with us Does Nor mean 15 to 20 per cent. added). Balls Corsets, 750. Way Down Prices on Ladies' and Gentlemen's White and Col-ored-bordered Handkerchiefs.

Towels, Napkins and Table Damasks Cheap. See them and get

DRESS GOODS

All our best Broadcloths we now offer at \$1.121 to close. We still have very desirable shades in these goods.

A new lot of Tricots just received. Price, 28c. This is a leader TRE, and by far the LOWEST price ever made on these goods in this market. Fifteen new pieces (including the new shades) of Wool-Faced Henriettas just received. To move these at once we offer them at 26c. Siik Warp and All-Wool Henriettas we have cut just a little too low

for our competitors to follow. 500 yards of Silk Plush at 50c.

FLANNELS

The Best Heavy-Twilled, All-Wool Red Flannels-regular 50c goods we now offer at 38c. Prices on all other Flannels cut in the same proportion. We still have a number of

CLOAKS

And are offering them at Cost, and in many cases at Less Than

The above prices are only a few of our bargains. We urge you to see us before purchasing, and say with all candor that we are selling goods NOW cheaper than any house in Dickinson County.

J. G Hamaker & Co.

Hawk & Shelton's

GREAT

Clearance Sale!

A great SLAUGHTER in CLOAKS and SHOES is what is going on at HAWK & SHEL-TON'S, corner Third and Cedar streets.

A MARK-DOWN ON PAPER FOR THE WINDOWS ONLY DON'T DRAW THIS SEA-SON.

Our gigantic CLEARANCE SALE; WON-DERFUL is the way they talk about it. SUCCESSFUL beyond all others.

We Are Throughly in Earnest.

Our CLOAKS are the BEST FITTING, BEST MADE, BEST TRIMMED of any in the city, yet they MUST and WILL be sold.

Our SHOES are of the very best, and they

TAKE NOTICE!—This SLAUGHTER will not last long, THEREFORE COME ATONCE; DO NOT DELAY. WE BOLDLY CHALLENGE A COMPARISON of GOODS and PRICES: THEY ARE MATCHLESS.

Before you buy, don't fail to get Prices at

SHELTON'S. HAWK

Corner Third and Cedar Sts., Abilene, Kansas,